IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

IN RE: CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.,) Case No. 08-35653-KRH Chapter 11 Proceeding
HILLSON ELECTRIC, INC.))))
Plaintiff,	
V.) Contested Matter No
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF AND MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

Hilson Electric, Inc. ("Hilson") has filed papers with the Court to seek relief from the automatic stay (the "Motion").

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.)

If you do not want the Court to grant the relief sought in this Motion, or if you want the Court to consider your views on the Motion, then on or before March 23, 2009, you must file a written response explaining your position with the Court at the following address:

William C. Redden, Clerk U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Virginia Richmond Division 701 E. Broad Street, Suite 4000 Richmond, VA 23219

If you mail your request or response to the Court for filing, you should mail it early enough so the Court will receive it on or before the date stated above.

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You must also mail a copy to:

William A. Gray, Esquire Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, P.C. 801 East Main Street Post Office Box 1998 Richmond, VA 23218-1998

You <u>must</u> attend Preliminary Hearing scheduled to be held on **March 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Courtroom 5000, United States Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Courthouse, 701 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the Motion and may enter an Order granting that relief.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

Hilson submits the following Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay, requesting the Court permit Hilson to pursue certain Litigation (as hereinafter defined) in state court. In support of this Motion, Hilson states the following:

- 1. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a "core" proceeding as set forth under 28 U.S.C. § 157.
- 2. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.
- 3. On or about March 4, 2009, Cleveland Construction, Inc. filed its Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay ("Cleveland Construction's Motion") seeking permission to enforce its Mechanic's Lien relating to property located at the Merriam Village Shopping Center in Merriam, Kansas [Docket No. 2417]. Hilson supports and joins in Cleveland Construction's Motion.
- 4. On or about December 11, 2008, Hilson, a Kansas corporation whose principal place of business is in Kansas, filed a Mechanic's Lien in the amount of \$45,958.00, in the Clerk's Office for the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas (the "Mechanic's Lien").

- 5. The Mechanic's Lien was filed as a result of nonpayment of moneys owed by Cleveland Construction to Hilson as subcontractor in the construction of Circuit City Store #4220, Merriam Village Shopping Center, 6030 Eby Street, Merriam, Kansas (the "Property").
- 6. Hilson's Mechanic's Lien attaches to both, the real property, as well as Circuit City's leasehold interest. Hilson understands that Motion for Approval of Bidding and Auction Procedures [Docket No. 1946] (the "Motion for Approval") has been filed regarding the leasehold interest and the Motion for Approval was granted [Docket No. 2242]. This Motion seeks no relief regarding the leasehold interest.
- 7. In order to enforce its Mechanic's Lien against the real property, Hilson desires to join in the lawsuit to be filed by Cleveland Construction in the state of Kansas (the "Litigation").
- 8. Pursuant to Kansas state law, Circuit City is a necessary party to the above Litigation, as further explained in Cleveland Construction's Motion.
- 9. Through such Litigation, Hilson would simply seek the sale of the real property, which is not an asset of the Debtors' bankruptcy estate.
- 10. Upon the filing of this Bankruptcy, Hilson was stayed from pursuing such Litigation.
- 11. The interests of Hilson in the above-referenced Litigation are not adequately protected thereby constituting cause for granting relief from the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a).
- 12. Circuit City's leasehold interest is currently the subject of a Motion for Approval of Bidding and Auction procedures. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver in Hilson's lien against the proceeds from any such sale and Hilson hereby expressly reserves its rights to any proceeds from the sale of Circuit City's leasehold interest at the Property.

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13. Hilson requests that the ten-day period or stay under Rule 4001(a)(3) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, during which the stay remains in effect be waived and any Order granting relief become effective immediately upon entry.

WHEREFORE, by reason of the forgoing and arguments at any haring, Hilson Contracting Company, Inc. respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

- a. Granting it immediate relief from the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a), to allow Hilson to pursue Litigation to enforce its Mechanic's Lien, including the sale of the Property, solely as set forth herein;
- b. Maintaining the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) in full force and effect except as otherwise requested herein;
- c. Waiving the ten-day period or stay under Rule 4001(a)(3) of the <u>Federal Rules of</u>

 <u>Bankruptcy Procedure</u>, during which the stay remains in effect; or
- d. Otherwise granting it adequate protection, and that it has such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Notice of and Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay was served by electronic means through the ECF system to all registered parties and was mailed by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 10th day of March, 2009, to the below service list:

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